Reducing the number of crashes, serious injuries and fatalities begins with drivers choosing to make safer decisions. Driver behavior is a leading factor in more than 90% of crashes. Speeding, impairment, aggressive driving and distracted driving are primary contributors to the rising number of traffic fatalities and those are all actions drivers can choose not to engage in.
Crashes occur on all kinds of roadways, from heavily-traveled freeways to back-country switchbacks. Of the 129,750 collisions in 2019, 32% happened on the state highway system, while 68% occurred on other roadways, such as city streets and county roads.
In 2019, 129,750 motor vehicle crashes killed 982 people and left 53,809 people injured. Poor decisions made by drivers – speeding, impairment, reckless driving and not wearing a seat belt – are leading factors in traffic fatalities. Drivers hold the key to reducing these figures – choose to make smart decisions behind the wheel, making roads safer for everyone.

294 people were killed in speed-related crashes.

Speeding is the most common driver violation and rear-end collisions are the most common type of crash.

211 people killed in crashes were not wearing seat belts.

Nine in 10 Arizonans buckle up, but more than a quarter of all those killed every year on our roads aren’t wearing seat belts.
During weekdays, crashes spike during morning and afternoon commutes. On weekends, most crashes occur between 6-9 p.m.

In 2019, more crashes happened in October than any other month of the year and Fridays saw more crashes than any other day of the week. February 14, 2019, had the most crashes on Arizona roads with 635 crashes and October 4, 2019, had the most number of fatal crashes with eight.
In 2019, 420 people were killed in impairment-related crashes. These crashes, which involve alcohol, illegal drugs, prescription medication or marijuana, account for about 5% of all crashes and 42% of fatal crashes.
At least 74 of the 170 motorcycles operators or passengers killed in 2019 were not wearing a helmet.
Ninety-five percent of bicycle crashes occurred in urban areas and 4 out of 5 occurred during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for bikes, especially those traveling against traffic and on sidewalks, and bicyclists should watch for turning vehicles.
More than half of pedestrian crashes occur during daylight, dawn or dusk conditions, but about 69% of the pedestrians killed on Arizona roads in 2019 were struck at night when vehicle speeds are typically faster and pedestrians are harder to see.
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